GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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STONE-CRUSHERS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the provision made for setting up of stone-crushers on the National Highways;

(b) whether these stone-crushers spread pollution on the National Highways; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to check it ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) The contractor engaged for the execution of the work has the responsibility to procure/provide crushed gravel/crushed shingle/crushed stone aggregate, as specified in the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways "Specifications for Road and Bridge Works (Fourth Revision)", required for the work. No separate provision is made in the projects, sanctioned by the Ministry regarding setting up of stone-crushers.

(b) and (c) This Ministry has specified that the contractor has to take all precautions for safeguarding the environment during the course of construction and to abide by all the laws/rules related to pollution and environmental protection prevailing in the area of work. Moreover, the contractor shall take every precaution to reduce the levels of noise, vibration, dust and emissions from his plant and shall be fully responsible for any claims for damages caused to the owners of property, fields and residences in the vicinity.